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SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM HARVARD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS

1. AFTER LAPSE SEVERAL YEARS, HARVARD CENTER FOR
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IS SEEKING INCLUDE PAKISTANI
DIPLOMAT AMONG THOSE HOLDING ONE-YEAR FELLOWSHIP. CENTER
HAS NARROWED THOSE THEY CONSIDERING TO FOUR PERSONS. THEY
ARE: (A) SYED MURAD AHMED KHAIRI, MINISTER AT PAKISTAN
EMBASSY, MOSCOW;(B) NASEEM MIRZA, MINISTER AT PEKING;
(C) AKRAM ZAKI, MFA, ISLAMABAD; AND (D) IQBAL RIZA,
MINISTER AT WASHINGTON. RIZA HOLDS CONSIDERABLE LEAD OVER
OTHER THREE IN EYES OF CENTER. (CENTER HAS ASKED WE
NOT REPEAT NOT CONVEY TO RIZA OR TO GOP AT THIS TIME
PREFERENCE FOR RIZA.)

2. CENTER PRESENTLY CONCLUDES IT CONFRONTS SERIOUS
PROBLEM INCLUDING PAKISTANI IN LIGHT PAST EXPERIENCE.
WHEN PAKISTANIS PARTICIPATED IN CENTER PROGRAM DURING
PERIOD 1959-69 (CENTER LOST INTEREST WHEN QUALITY DECLINED
BUT WILLING TO TRY AGAIN IF IT CERTAIN QUALITY OF CANDI-
DATES WILL STAY HIGH), THEIR COSTS MET FROM GRANT WHICH
NO LONGER AVAILABLE. IN PRESENT SITUATION, CENTER HAS
ALREADY APPROACHED FORD FOUNDATION REP IN ISLAMABAD FOR
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SUPPORT BUT IS CONCERNED THAT LATTER MAY BE UNABLE PROVIDE

SUPPORT, OR ALL OF IT, AND THUS HAS ALSO SOUGHT
DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE.

3. IN ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE ANSWER TO CENTER REGARDING
POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE FROM USG, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT,
AT BEST, THERE ONLY TWO POSSIBLE SOURCES. FIRST IS USEF/
PAKISTAN AND OTHER IS IV GRANT. FIRST HAS DRAWBACK THAT
THERE NO WAY INSURE THAT RECIPIENT WILL BE PERSON
CENTER WISHES HAVE AS FELLOW WHILE USE OF SECOND RUNS
RISK OF SERIOUSLY SKEWING IV PROGRAM.

4. WHILE WE CONTINUE SEARCH FOR WAY AID CENTER INCLUDE
PAKISTANI (AND ESPECIALLY RIZA) AMONG ITS ONE-YEAR
FELLOWS, WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS ON USE OF USEF/P
OR IV PROGRAM. WE SUSPECT THAT CENTER WILL FIND A WAY
TO FINANCE PART OF CANDIDATE'S EXPENSES (IN RIZA CASE,
THEY ARE ESTIMATED AT DOLS 18,500 FOR THE ACADEMIC
YEAR SINCE NO TRAVEL OF ANY DISTANCE NEED BE PERFORMED
BY PRINCIPAL AND DEPENDENTS). NEVERTHELESS, SINCE SUCH
SUMS MAY BE INADEQUATE MEET FULL COSTS AND SINCE WE THINK
INCLUSION OF PAKISTANI WILL SERVE OUR INTERESTS, WE WOULD
WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON WAYS TO MAKE INCLUSION
PAKISTANI POSSIBLE. HOPE EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS
WITH FORD REP THERE AND LET US KNOW LEVEL OF FORD INTEREST
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